



WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION® OF FLORIDA

Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday February 2, 2019, 12:00 pm

Mimi's Café Ocala, FL

1. Welcome & Introduction – Marie-Frances called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Board members present were Marie-Frances Davis, Susan Butler, Terri Ross, and Joanne Lanzisera. President Patty Davis and Director Stephaney Mosely were excused. An additional 13 members were present.

2. Reports (with feedback & suggestions)

President's Report - Marie-Frances read Patty's submitted report. The 2018 championship show saw an increase of entries, new and retained corporate sponsors and continues to remain the only affiliate offering a show. The Helen Blair memorial grant will continue and hopes to attract young riders to the sport of Western Dressage. Education this year included the Jec Balou clinic in February and the educational events offered on Saturday of the championship show weekend. We also produced a video of young riders in Western Dressage through a grant we received from USEF. It is available for viewing on our website. We hope that 2019 will see an increase in participation from the general membership to produce the championship show and educational activities. We hope to create committees from the membership for this purpose.

Treasurer's Report - Terri provided a report that showed our 2018 ending Region's balance was \$13,294.53.

Membership Report – Susan reported that the website can be used to renew your membership, sign up for high point program, and find information on WDAFL approved shows. Our membership currently stands at 65. A membership program will provide a free next year's membership to any member that signs an additional 4 members. The High Point program was previously run by Karen Abbattista. We thank her for the years she served for this program. Board member Joanne Lanzisera has volunteered to take on the program this year. She plans to update submitted test for participants more often. See the website to verify that your submitted scores have been recorded. You can submit your tests through the website, which is preferable, but if this fails, send to Joanne through email, text, or snail mail. She has some ideas for some new awards this year which will be discussed by the board in the future.



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Education Report - Marie-Frances reported that we need the membership to tell the board what they want and need with regard to education. We want to post test videos on the website for education purposes. Please send your videos to her for posting. Member Adelaide Picket mentioned that educational use of the association funds needs to continue to maintain the 501c3 status of the association.

Championships Report – Marie-Frances thanked all of our sponsors. Sponsors continue to be extremely important with regard to continuing this show. She also stated that the original purpose of this show was to provide an opportunity for members to participate in a championship that may not otherwise be able to attend the World Show in Oklahoma. She also stated that the board may consider hosting Regional shows, but more membership input and interest is necessary.

3. Grant/Scholarship Program - Susan reported that we had provided 2 grants for continued education/lessons and 3 grants for first time participants in the championship show. We will continue the grant program in the future but plan to make some amendments to the program to clarify the purpose of various grants and set dates for application deadlines. Keep an eye on the website for an announcement with regard to the grant program.
4. Elections – The board can have up to 9 positions which include the 4 members of the executive committee and up to 5 directors. Three candidates to the board have volunteered to serve and include Lauren Smith, Rachel Freeman, and Marjie Wenger. There have been no objections to their serving on the board.
5. Moving Forward – What should 2019 and beyond look like? – It was suggested that we need to have more presence at Western Dressage shows across the state. We should send representatives to shows to share information about the association. Also, more youth need to be involved. Perhaps consider reduced membership rates for youth? It was also discussed that members can submit shows that they may be hosting or know of through the website to get those events listed on the calendar.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm. The 2018 High Point Awards presentations were made at this time.